

Getting Away

There may be conditions under which you will decide to get away, or there may be situations when you are ordered to leave. Plan how you will assemble your family and anticipate where you will go. Choose several destinations in different locations so you have options in an emergency.

Create an evacuation plan:

- Plan places where you family will meet, both within and outside of your immediate neighborhood
- If you have a car, keep a half tank of gas in it at all times in case you need to evacuate.
- Become familiar with alternate routes and other means of transportation out of your area.
- If you do not have a car, plan how you will leave if you have to.
- Take your emergency supply kit unless you have reason to believe it has been contaminated.
- Lock the door behind you.

Plan for your pets:

- Pets should not be left behind, but understand that only service animals will be permitted in public shelters. Plan how you will care for your pets in an emergency.
- Store extra food, water, and supplies for your pet.

If time allows:

- Call or email the “out-of-town” contact in your family communications plan.
- Tell them where you are going.
- Leave a note telling others when you left and where you are going.